

## MCCONE NAMED DIRECTOR OF CIA

Republican Due To Replace  
Dulles In November

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Newport, R.I., Sept. 27—President Kennedy announced today that John A. McCone, a Republican, will be the new director of the Central Intelligence Agency, starting in November.

McCone, who was chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission under President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Under Secretary of the Air Force under President Harry S. Truman, will replace Allen Dulles, also a Republican, who has headed the cloak-and-dagger agency for the last ten years.

Dulles, 68, is retiring at his own request. He was one of the first officials to be appointed by Mr. Kennedy last January, and he accepted at that time only on condition that he would not be asked to serve longer than one year.

### Personal Announcement

McCone is the second Republican to be named to head a major Administration agency in the last two days. Yesterday the President appointed Republican William C. Foster as chief of the newly created Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

President Kennedy took the unusual step of announcing the McCone appointment personally before the assembled press and the television cameras in the auditorium of the Naval War College, which adjoins his vacation retreat here.

And he also took the occasion to praise Dulles as a "courageous, selfless servant," and to announce that the retiring CIA chief will continue to serve as consultant to the President on intelligence matters.

### Both Men Fly

Both men flew here this morning in a CIA airplane and were on the platform with the President when the announcement was made. Both said a few words in response.

Pierre Salinger, the President's press secretary, said that the final decision on McCone's appointment was made only this morning in the White House conference with the President.

Salinger also announced that Gen. Lauris Norstad, the supreme commander of Allied Forces in Europe, is returning to the United States soon to confer with President Kennedy — presumably on Berlin.

And he announced that Vice President Johnson, who will be the President's personal representative at the funeral of Dag Hammarskjöld in Stockholm, will be accompanied by Ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson, chief of the United States delegation at the United Nations; Senator Kuchel (R., Cal.), and Henry R. Ladd, director of the International Cooperation Agency.

The President didn't get much rest here last night.

His private telephone rang at 2.30 A.M. with a call from Representative Albert (D., Okla.) acting leader of the House of Representatives, to notify the President that the House was ready to adjourn, and asking the President whether he had anything else in mind for the House to do before its members took off on vacation.

This is a formality that is observed every time the House ends a session. The President indicated that he had no further business to take up with the Congress at this time.

Less than four hours later—at 6.12 A.M.—the President was awakened by another caller, the leader of the Senate, Senator Mansfield (D., Mont.), reporting that the Upper House was prepared to adjourn.

### Approves Decision

Kennedy approved this decision, too, and went back to bed.

Salinger said this afternoon that for the rest of the week the President hopes to have fewer interruptions, and no official visitors at all.

In his statement on the change of chiefs for the CIA, President Kennedy explained that he was making the choice and the announcement early so McCone and Dulles could work together for about a month before Dulles's retirement.

He disclosed that he and Dulles conferred last summer because of their mutual concern that the CIA should "continue to serve as an effective instrument of our country's policy."

He said they felt it important that the transition from the old chief to the new this fall should be as smooth and effective as possible.

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### "Extremely Pleased"

The President told the newsmen that he was "extremely pleased and satisfied" that McCone has agreed to take the job.

He added that the new CIA head will start working into his new job in about two weeks.

For Dulles, who has been criticized widely since the disclosure of the CIA's part in the unsuccessful Cuban invasion, the President had only the highest praise.

The President said that Dulles "has a record almost unique" in the history of this country, in that he has served under eight presidents, beginning during World War I under President Woodrow Wilson.

"He has brought to their service," Kennedy continued, "on each occasion and in each Administration a unique regard for the public interest."

"I know of no man who is a more courageous, selfless public servant than Mr. Allen Dulles, and I, therefore, in expressing pleasure at having secured the services of Mr. McCone, want to express my profound regret that at the age of 68, after ten years in this responsibility, that Mr. Dulles should be retiring."

"He has agreed," the President added, "to serve as consultant to me on intelligence matters, and therefore his long experience will be available to the people of this country."

Dulles, in a short response, said he felt that McCone represents "the ideal choice" to fill his post.

### McCone Will Be 60

McCone will be 60 years old in January.

A native of California and a graduate of the University of California, he has been an executive and engineer in the steel industry, shipping industry and in the construction field for many years.

McCone is now chairman of the Joshua Hendy Corporation, a shipbuilding firm, and is a director of the Standard Oil Company of California, the Western Banking Corporation, the Pacific Life Insurance Company and Trans World Airlines.

As head of the CIA McCone will be paid \$21,000 a year.

### Letter Made Public

The White House this afternoon made public a letter from the President to Vice President Johnson requesting that he detour through Paris on his way back from the Hammarskjöld funeral, and confer with several American stationed there.

"There is much going on in discussions with our major European allies," the President wrote, "and I shall be glad to have advantage of your own account of discussions which you may have in Paris with our senior people there—men like Gavin, letter, and General Norstad, has not already left to come here for direct discussions in Washington."

This letter gave the first hint of the impending visit of Norstad to Washington.

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